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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARKS OFFICE

## In The Matter of Patent Application:

Applicant : Nortel Networks Limited  
Serial No. : 09/987,788  
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Title : TANDEM CONNECTION MONITORING PARALLEL PROCESSING  
Examiner : Llang-Che Wang  
Art Unit: : 2155

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To: Commissioner for Patents  
Patent Office,  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Report of November 21, 2005, please amend the above-referenced patent application as follows:

**Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/ Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.